

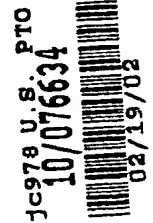


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PROTEINS SUCH AS FUSION PROTEINS FOR THE SECRETION OF A
PROTEIN OF INTEREST INTO BACTERIAL SUPERNATANTS

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1. Application- 35 pages, including 1 independent claim and 23 claims total.
2. Certified copy of German Application No. 101 08 212.6, filed February 20, 2001.
3. Statement Under 37 C.F.R. 1.821-1.825
4. Sequence Listing - 3 pages.
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6. The filing fee is calculated as follows: